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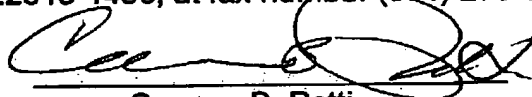
**Patent Application**

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**Case No.:** NGC-140/000047-199  
**Serial No.:** 10/600,984  
**Filing Date:** 06/20/2003  
**Title:** INTRODUCING VOIDS INTO POLYMERIC MATERIAL FOR BUFFERING  
ONE OR MORE STRESS SENSITIVE COMPONENTS FROM ONE OR  
MORE STRESSES

**Examiner:** Irina Sopjia Zemel  
**Art Unit:** 1711

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 20, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated August 30, 2006 in connection with the above-designated application. A response to the Final Office Action is due September 20, 2006. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.